

Remarks

Claims 1-14, and 16-28 were pending in the application. Claims 25 and 28 were rejected. No claims were merely objected to and claims 1-14, and 16-24, 26, and 27 were allowed. By the foregoing amendment, no claims are canceled, claims 25 and 28 are amended, and no claims are added. No new matter is presented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-12, 14, and 16-24, 26, and 27.

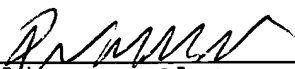
Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102 & 103

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Call (US3417564). Claim 28 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious and unpatentable over Call. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

The Office action identified Call elements 35 and 39 as the claim 25 means for starting the rotation. These are portions of a motor system that drives the Call apparatus. Amended claim 25 identifies means for maintaining the rotation as comprising at least one of: a spool driven by the turbine; and direction of the combustion products. Similarly, amended claim 28 identifies means for maintaining the rotation of the combustor carousel by directing said combustion products. These clearly are neither disclosed nor suggested by the Call system that uses only a motor for maintaining rotation. Support for the amendment is seen at paragraph 0025 of the present pre-grant publication.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-14, and 16-28 are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

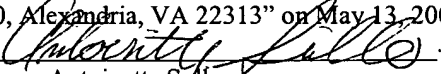
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